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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 2, 1999

APPLICATION OF

U S WEST !NTERPRISE AMERICA OF
VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990063

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On June 2, 1999, U S WEST !nterprise America of Virginia, Inc. ("!nterprise" or "Applicant") completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition, !nterprise has requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia and Section J of the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, 20 VAC 5-400-60.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion that !nterprise's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that the Commission Staff should conduct an

investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff report; and that a public hearing should be convened to receive evidence relevant to !nterprise's application for a certificate to provide local exchange services. In addition, if substantive objections are received regarding !nterprise's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services, evidence shall be received at the public hearing.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990063.

(2) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant to !nterprise's application for a certificate to provide local exchange services is scheduled for September 28, 1999, at 10:15 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. If substantive objections to !nterprise's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services are received on or before August 30, 1999, the Commission will also hear evidence on this issue at the September 28, 1999, public hearing. If no such objections are received on or before August 30, 1999, the Commission may grant !nterprise's requested certificate to provide interexchange services without conducting a hearing.

(3) On or before August 13, 1999, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice, which may be published on one occasion as classified advertising, in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
U S WEST !NTERPRISE AMERICA OF VIRGINIA,
INC., FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
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A public hearing on !nterprise's application will be convened on September 28, 1999, at 10:15 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to hear evidence relevant to its application for a certificate to provide local exchange services. The Commission will hear evidence on !nterprise's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services at the September 28, 1999, public hearing only if substantive objections to this portion of the application are filed on or before August

30, 1999. If no such objections are received, the Commission may grant the certificate to provide interexchange services without a hearing.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from !nterprise's counsel, Victoria A. Schlesinger, Esquire, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, 1200 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, D.C. 20037.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on !nterprise's application for certificates to provide local exchange services or interexchange services, may do so by directing such comments on or before August 30, 1999, to the Clerk of the Commission, at the address listed below. Written comments must refer to Case No. PUC990063.

Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning !nterprise's application to provide local exchange services need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself as a public witness to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceedings as a Protestant, pursuant to Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing from the Clerk of the Commission for full details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

All written communications to the Commission concerning !nterprise's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and should refer to Case No. PUC990063.

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(4) On or before August 13, 1999, Applicant shall give notice of its application to each local exchange and interexchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(5) On or before August 16, 1999, the Applicant shall prefile with the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any additional direct testimony it intends to present at the public hearing. Copies shall also be served on any person who files a Notice of Protest.

(6) On or before August 30, 1999, any person desiring to participate as a Protestant as defined in Rule 4:6 of the

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules") shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Protest as provided in Rule 5:16(a) and shall serve a copy of the same on Interstate's counsel, Victoria A. Schlesinger, Esquire, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, 1200 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, D.C. 20037.

(7) On or before August 30, 1999, any person wishing to lodge an objection to Interstate's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its objection in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written objections shall refer to Case No. PUC990063 and shall state with specificity why a hearing is necessary. If substantive objections are received, the Commission will hear evidence relevant to this portion of the application at the September 28, 1999, public hearing.

(8) Any person desiring to comment in writing on Interstate's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services may do so by directing such comments on or before August 30, 1999, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC990063.

(9) Any person desiring to comment in writing on !nterprise's application for a certificate to provide local exchange services may do so by directing such comments on or before August 30, 1999, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC990063. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the application for a certificate for local exchange services need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Bailiff as a public witness.

(10) Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant pursuant to Rule 4:6 shall file on or before August 30, 1999, an original and fifteen (15) copies of its Protest with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above, referring to Case No. PUC990063, and shall on the same day mail a copy thereof to !nterprise's counsel, Victoria A. Schlesinger, Esquire, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, 1200 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, D.C. 20037, and to any other Protestants. The Protest shall set forth (i) a precise statement of the interest of the Protestant in the proceeding; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts which the Protestant is prepared to prove

by competent evidence; and (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought and the legal basis therefor. Any corporate entity that wishes to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate as a Protestant must be represented by legal counsel in accordance with the requirement of Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules.

(11) On or before August 30, 1999, each Protestant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of the prepared testimony and exhibits the Protestant intends to present at the hearing, and shall on the same day mail a copy of the same to counsel for !nterprise and other Protestants. Service upon counsel for !nterprise shall be made at the address set forth above.

(12) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of !nterprise's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before September 14, 1999.

(13) On or before September 14, 1999, if necessary, the Commission Staff may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any prepared testimony and exhibits it intends to present at the public hearing. A copy of the Staff direct testimony shall be mailed to the counsel for the Applicant and to each Protestant.

(14) On or before September 21, 1999, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen

(15) copies of any testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to any direct prefiled testimony of Staff and Protestants. A copy of the rebuttal testimony shall be mailed to Staff and each Protestant by overnight delivery.

(15) At the commencement of the hearing scheduled herein, Enterprise shall provide to the Commission proof of the notice and service required by ordering paragraphs (3) and (4) herein.

(16) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Protestants shall provide to the Applicant, other Protestants and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their prefiled testimony, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.